

St. Patrick's Shamrock

Where faith and knowledge meet.

Principal's Report



Dear St. Patrick Families,

Happy March! I hope that February has been kind to all of you. It has been a beautiful February here at St. Patricks. There were many great things that happened and we are underway in our Lenten journey.

We started the month finishing up Catholic Schools Week. It was so much fun to participate in all of the activities and see the joy on the children's faces each day! Wrapping up with Trivia was like a mini Brains Competition. If you are not familiar with "Brains" it is a diocesan wide trivia in areas of science, geography, english, religion, math, and general knowledge. The students compete with schools from around the diocese and this year, our team took 4th place. We are so proud of their hard work and effort put into studying. They work in the classroom, with each other, and some even took the time to study at home! Our diocese is blessed with 63 schools, St. Patrick's Mauston included, and nearly 7,000 students; it is truly a special recognition to be part of the Brains competition! Not only did we take 4th place but there is a prize that is given to 1 team that day and it is announced by the bishop at mass...The Sportsmanship Award. This year, St. Patrick's team was the recipient of this award! What an honor for our school, the middle school participants, and Mrs. Whitney.

This year, we had two special days rolled into one. Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, and Valentines Day. We celebrate Lent by making sacrifices. There are many things that we can do or sacrifice throughout the season. This year, we are doing 40,000 push ups—collectively— throughout the 40 days of Lent. This challenge has been accepted by all classrooms and they are working hard to fill up the jug with beans as they see their progress measured. Classrooms also discuss the power of prayer and fasting appropriate for their age group. It is important to keep in mind the power of prayer and fasting that Christ has shared with us. These examples are things that will stick with students for the rest of their lives.

We wrapped up Pancake Breakfasts for the year as well! Our final breakfast is in February hosted by 5th grade. We are so thankful for the support from the Knights of Columbus. This simple fundraiser helps support extra curricular activities for our 5-8th grade students. The students are part of serving and the Knights share the proceeds. It is a great way to teach service and the value of work.

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When we talk about Catholic Education being a family, it is more like a village that spreads far and wide! We are here to support parents and provide the “village” pieces that help build a foundation for our children. The Knights of Columbus are a great support system throughout the year. They support part of our science lab resources, they assist with field trips, they have provided coats, provide for the pancake breakfast, and so much more! They are a part of our village as well. Other committees, community organizations, and our very own staff are also interracial parts of this village. As parents, you have a very important choice on how your child’s “village” and foundation are formed. We are proud to partner with you and provide a high quality education with a strong foundation in faith. A strong faith foundation is also part of St. Patrick’s School that makes us feel like family. Many of the families- especially as the students get older- make connections and network to help provide a more profound village and support system for our students.

The village is shared among many that actively participate in the parish and other events as well. Our Winter Bash this year was attended by many that help support our village. As I walked around and spoke with many of the guests this year, one thing that stood out to me was their passion and commitment to our school. They feel a sense of connectedness and want to do what they can to support the many amazing things that happen everyday at St. Patrick’s. Our Winter Bash this year helped raise funds for the Father Reardon Scholarship fund, field trips, special events for the students, as well as funds for curriculum materials. This event was a huge success! Thank you to our generous village of families and friends.

When considering a St. Patrick’s education, there are many things that we can share with you, but the real feeling and connections start when you enter the building! We invite you to stop by or ask for a tour. You will see the smiling faces of students and staff, feel the atmosphere of consideration and teamwork. You can observe classes engaged in quality academics, hear joy and laughter from hallways and classrooms. Student work is displayed in the hallways, giving a sense of belonging to each student. Our students are immersed in the greater community through many activities throughout the year. The students are offered extra curricular opportunities to instill the love of learning and passion to pursue their dreams. Come see the difference a Catholic education can make!

Blessings,
Toni Ross

A Word From Father.

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,



We are almost in the middle of our Lenten season 2024. So, some thoughts for Lent. If we give ourselves fully to prayer and reflection, the days of Lent provide a wonderful opportunity to discover God's will. Explore how to listen for God's voice through *Living Lent Daily*. Spend time each day developing your spiritual intuition and taking steps to discern God's will for you. What do we do when we're facing an upcoming big event, celebration, or special occasion in our lives? We prepare for it.

Holy week and Easter are "big events" in the liturgical year of the Church and in the spiritual life of a Christian. So, as Christians, we prepare spiritually for these through the forty days of Lent. This means that, during Lent, we rededicate ourselves to prayer. There are as many ways to pray, but a few prayer methods can help us in particular to spiritually prepare ourselves during Lent:

- 1. Make your abstinence a prayer-in-action.**
- 2. Renew yourself through personal reflective prayer.**
- 3. Pray the Stations of the Cross.**
- 4. Meditate on Holy Scripture in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament.**
- 5. Reflect deeper by attending everyday Mass during Lent.**
- 6. Join or start a prayer group.**
- 7. Pray with children or as a family.**
- 8. Start a practice of daily prayer that will last after Lent.**

Have a peace-filled and meaningful Lent 2024

God bless, Fr. Jey.

Donuts with Daddi



What a great turnout! We had 148
dads/grandpas/uncles/kids that attended!!



First Reconciliation





He is Risen



Easter Schedule

- **Lenten Communal Penance Service - Thursday, March 21st - 7PM**
- **Palm Sunday - March 23rd and 24th - 5PM, 8AM and 10AM Masses**
- **Chrism Mass - Tuesday, March 26th at 10:30AM at St. Joseph's Cathedral, LaCrosse**
- **Holy Thursday Service - March 28th at 7PM followed by Adoration until 11 PM (No morning Mass)**
- **Good Friday Service - March 29th - 1PM Stations of the Cross 1:30PM Service (No morning Mass or Stations)**
Cross will remain on front church steps for veneration until 6PM (weather permitting)
- **Holy Saturday - March 30th - 8:30PM**
- **Easter Sunday, March 31st - Masses at 8AM and 10AM**
- **Divine Mercy Sunday - April 6th and 7th - 5PM, 8AM and 10AM Masses**
Adoration and Confessions will follow 10AM Mass. The Chaplet will be prayed at 11:45 followed by Benediction at noon.

March Menus

BREAKFAST				
MARCH 2024 Saint Patrick School				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Breakfast Burrito Or Uncrustable Yogurt/Granola
	4 Toast Or Uncrustable Yogurt/Granola	5 Sausage/Egg/Cheese On a Bagel Or Uncrustable Yogurt/Granola	6 Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar Or Uncrustable	7 French Toast Sticks Or Uncrustable Yogurt/Granola
	11 Toasted Bagel Or Uncrustable Yogurt/Granola	12 Sausage/Egg/Cheese On an English Muffin Or Uncrustable Yogurt/Granola	13 Mini Cinnamon Donuts Or Uncrustable	8 No School
	18 Toasted English Muffin Or Uncrustable Yogurt/Granola	19 Bacon & Egg Breakfast Pizza Or Uncrustable Yogurt/Granola	20 Long John w/ Icing Or Uncrustable	14 Pancake On a Stick Or Uncrustable Yogurt/Granola
25 Spring Break	26 Spring Break	27 Spring Break	28 Spring Break	15 Strawberry Parfait Or Uncrustable
			21 Pancakes Or Uncrustable Yogurt/Granola	22 Chef's Choice Day A variety of Breads, Muffins and Bars to Choose From!!!
				29 Spring Break

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.
Milk, Juice and Fruit is provided every day with breakfast!

LUNCH				
MARCH 2024 Saint Patrick's School				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Baked Potato Bar Cheese Sauce Sour Cream Broccoli Dinner Roll
	4 Hamburger WG Bun Crinkle Cut Fries Green Beans Dill Pickle Spears	5 Taco Soup Cheddar Cheese Salsa/Sour Cream Goldfish Crackers	6 Brats WG Bun Baked Beans Sun Chips	7 Chicken and Rice Casserole Broccoli WG Bread
	11 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Shredded Cheddar Corn WG Bread w/ Butter	12 Scalloped Potatoes w/ Ham Green Beans Dinner Roll	13 Sloppy Joe (Manwich) WG Bun Sweet Potato Fries	8 No School
	18 Grilled Ham & Cheese On WG Bread Tomato Soup Goldfish Crackers	19 Chicken On Flatbread Lettuce/Tomato Cooked Peas	20 Cheese Pizza Cooked Carrots	14 Philly Cheese Steak WG Bun Sauteed Peppers And Onions
25 Spring Break	26 Spring Break	27 Spring Break	28 Spring Break	15 Pizza Dippers w/ Pizza Sauce Cooked Carrots
			21 Hot Ham And Noodles Green Beans Dinner Roll	22 Fish Sticks Crinkle Cut Fries Corn WG Bread w/ Butter
				29 Spring Break

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Fruit, Salad Bar, Milk and Water are offered every day for lunch!

\$crip



Using \$crip does pay! There is a family who buys most of its \$crip online. They don't buy anything extravagant, just what a person uses on a daily basis; groceries, gas, Walmart, Amazon. They have bought almost \$13,000 in the last four months and have a credit toward their tuition of \$465. Have you ever totaled up what you spent on these items in four months? Maybe you could do the same!



EUCCHARISTIC RALLY

JUNE 7, 2024 | LA CROSSE CENTER

THE ANSWER IS THE EUCHARIST.

THE EUCHARIST IS JESUS.

Discover and embrace the gift of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

Your whole life, you have been looking for the answer to the meaning of life, your purpose, your dreams, and your difficulties. We have been given the ANSWER to all of it. This Rally will give you the opportunity to connect more deeply with Jesus, who is the Answer, through Mass, Adoration, Confession, National Speakers, Powerful Music, and so much more!

St. Patrick's Parish in Mauston will be taking a chartered bus to the event. Please prayerfully consider joining us!

St. Patrick's Church

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

March 17

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Reardon Hall at St. Patrick's Church

401 Mansion St

Mauston, WI 53948

Cost \$10 per person or \$30 per family.

Carryouts available





Happy
St.
Patrick's
Day



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HAPPY

Easter



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